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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

STRAUSS et al.

Appl. No.: 09/424,244

Group Art Unit: 1645

Filed: April 11, 2000

Examiner: HINES, J.

For: A METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING ACTIVE SUBSTANCES

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Office action mailed August 26, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 19, replace the first full paragraph (beginning at line 3) with the following paragraph.

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-- At different times of cultivation, the lipase activity released by the bacteria was determined in the culture supernatants. The cells were pelleted by centrifugation, the culture supernatants were taken off and, if necessary, stored on ice. Assays were performed in microtitration plates (100 μ l) with glass bottoms. The Lipase assay buffer was constituted as follows: 10 mM CaCl_2 , 0.05% TRITON X-100 (alkylaryl polyether alcohol), 20 mM Tris/HCl, pH 8.0. As the fluorogenic dye substrate, 1,2-0-dilauryl-rac-glycero-3-glutaric acid resorufin ester (Sigma #D7414) was used. The substrate stock solution was prepared in 100% DMSO at 1 mg/ml and



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are a Response and Petition for Extension of Time in the above-captioned application.

— Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

XX A check in the amount of \$920.00 is attached for: Petition for Extension of Time.

XX If a Petition for Extension of Time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge any fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)-(d) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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